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Sir:

Applicant wishes to draw attention to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, copies of which documents are enclosed.

None of the listed documents are in the English language. The listed documents were cited in a search report that was issued by the Finnish Patent Office in connection with a corresponding Finnish application, and a copy of the Finnish Search Report is enclosed. Since the Finnish Search Report indicates the degree of relevance, and in addition English abstracts for CN 1118297 and JP 9061117 have been provided, applicant believes that the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of these non-English documents has been satisfied. See MPEP 609.

Pursuant to MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner should initial Form PTO-1449 to confirm that each document has been considered, and return a copy of the form to the undersigned with the first Office Action.

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